

STATE OF LOUISIANA
SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

LOCATION: STATE OF LOUISIANA

MONTH OF: APRIL 1981

LEGALLY REPORTABLE ACCIDENTS ARE THOSE INVOLVING DEATH, BODILY INJURY OR PROPERTY

DAMAGE OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OR MORE IN THE ACCIDENT.

ACCIDENTS OCCURRING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT.

THIS SUMMARY INCLUDES REPORTS AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON:

05/20/81

I. MILEAGE RATES	THIS YEAR TO DATE	LAST YEAR SAME PERIOD	PERCENT CHANGE
A. Motor Vehicle Traffic Deaths	337	336	.20
B. Estimated Motor Vehicle Mileage Traveled (Millions)	7481.17	7414.16	.90
C. Death Rate Per 100,000,000 Vehicle-Miles	4.50	4.53	.60
D. Fatal Accident Rate Per 100,000,000 Vehicle-Miles			
E.			
F.			

II. TYPE OF ACCIDENT		NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS				TOTAL KILLED	NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED				NOTE: The three categories of injuries follow the Manual of Uniform Definitions of Motor Vehicle Accidents.
		Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage		Total	A Severe Injury	B Noticeable Injury	C Complaint of Injury	
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION WITH:	A. Ran Off Road	1772	20	747	1005	23	995	84	549	362	a. Bleeding wound, distorted member, or any condition that required victim to be carried from the scene.
	B. Overturned on Road	53		32	21		41	4	23	14	
	C. Pedestrian	160	10	147	3	10	156	28	78	50	
	D. Motor Vehicle in Traffic	7400	34	2513	4853	40	4299	115	1162	3022	b. Other visible injuries such as bruises, abrasions, swelling, limping, or other painful movement.
	E. Parked Motor Vehicle	889	2	82	805	2	95	3	47	45	
	F. Railroad Train	21		10	11		16	2	6	8	
	G. Bicyclist	121	3	107	11	3	114	4	62	48	c. Complaint of pain, without visible signs of injury, or momentary unconsciousness.
	H. Animal	94		25	69		27	1	6	20	
	I. Fixed Object	310	2	131	177	2	165	7	90	68	
	J. Other Object	30		7	23		9	1	5	3	
	K. Other Non-Collision	47		12	35		13	2	4	7	
TOTALS		10897	71	3813	7013	80	5930	251	2032	3647	

III. COMPARATIVE TOTALS (Type of Accident)		SAME MONTH LAST YEAR			THIS YEAR TO DATE			SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR			CHANGE CUMULATIVE DEATH RECORD
		All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION WITH:	A. Ran Off Road	1588	19	865	7225	106	3829	6441	86	3459	23.20 %
	B. Overturned on Road	41	1	46	181	4	141	176	4	164	%
	C. Pedestrian	200	20	200	649	42	638	736	53	731	20.70-%
	D. Motor Vehicle in Traffic	9159	48	4761	30544	159	17629	37600	164	18697	3.00-%
	E. Parked Motor Vehicle	1410	1	168	3699	3	494	5450	2	641	50.00 %
	F. Railroad Train	33	1	23	107	6	71	136	6	103	%
	G. Bicyclist	102	1	100	307	4	285	339	6	320	33.30-%
	H. Animal	88		21	419		85	403	1	77	%
	I. Fixed Object	526	1	252	1269	12	672	2215	10	1015	20.00 %
	J. Other Object	51	1	15	112		34	171	2	52	%
	K. Other Non-Collision	60	2	27	152	1	49	235	2	102	50.00-%
TOTALS		13258	95	6478	44664	337	23927	53902	336	25161	.20 %

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IV. LOCATION		A. Trafficways Administered by Governmental Agencies: State, Parishes, Cities, Towns, Villages, Etc.						B. Trafficways Administered by Independent Agencies: Turnpike, Parkway, Military, Freeway Authorities and Commissions, Etc.					
		NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS				NUMBER OF PERSONS		NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS				NUMBER OF PERSONS	
		TOTAL	FATAL	NON-FATAL	PROPERTY DAMAGE	KILLED	INJURED	TOTAL	FATAL	NON-FATAL	PROPERTY DAMAGE	KILLED	INJURED
URBAN ALL ACCIDENTS PLACED IN THIS SECTION ARE THOSE OCCURRING IN URBAN AREAS AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA	A. 2,500 to 5,000	149		45	104		50						
	B. 5,000 to 10,000	856	1	128	327	1	206						
	C. 10,000 to 25,000	897	2	229	666	3	365	11		2		1	2
	D. 25,000 to 50,000	919	1	272	641	2	405	3		2		1	4
	E. 50,000 to 100,000	1199	2	309	838	2	500	1				1	
	F. 100,000 to 250,000	1858	5	933	1320	5	851	24		4	20		4
	G. 250,000 or More	790	3	450	287	3	671	46		37	9		59
	TOTAL URBAN	6163	14	1968	4183	16	3056	86		45	41		69
RURAL ALL LOCATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED ABOVE	A. Interstate Routes	303	6	121	176	7	191						
	B. Other U.S. Routes	959	13	380	566	16	616	1				1	
	C. State Routes	1963	30	833	1100	32	1299	2		1		1	
	D. Parish Routes	1329	7	460	862	8	689	2		1		1	1
	E. Toll Roads-Bridges	1			1			3	1	1		1	
	F. Local Roads & Strts.	28		5	23		6	1		1		1	
	G. Not Stated	56			56								
	TOTAL RURAL	4639	56	1799	2784	63	2796	9	1	3	5	1	9
TOTAL URBAN & RURAL		10802	70	3765	6967	79	5852	95	1	48	46	1	78

V. TIME		TOTAL		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
Hour Beginning		ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL
BEFORE NOON	A. Midnight	314	1	22	1	22		30		32		43		83		82	2
	B. 1:00	234	1	11		15		29		21		33		76	1	49	
	C. 2:00	188	4	10	2	8		23		26	1	23		57	1	41	
	D. 3:00	168	4	10													
	E. 4:00	153	1	10		11		12		19	1	26	1	49	1	41	1
	F. 5:00	140	1	10		7		18	1	19		19		49	1	39	1
	G. 6:00	257	2	14		9		15		17		20	1	41		24	2
	H. 7:00	438	1	42	1	27		36	1	55		35		37		25	
	I. 8:00	427		85		69		94		79		66	1	30		15	
	J. 9:00	421		74		68		86		87		57		31		20	
	K. 10:00	406		91		67		64		63		47		55		34	
	L. 11:00	476		52	1	59		78		75		51		62		29	
AFTERNOON	M. Noon	616		67		57	2	75		122	1	73	1	64		18	
	N. 1:00	573		89		79		85	1	124		113	1	76		50	
	O. 2:00	701		89		69		80		109		90	1	83		57	
	P. 3:00	870		109		94		103	1	143		100		99		53	
	Q. 4:00	876		108		110	2	130	1	220	1	142		92	1	68	1
	R. 5:00	893		119		109		124		200		131	2	102	1	91	1
	S. 6:00	601		147	1	95	1	115	1	200	1	139		93		108	
	T. 7:00	541		55	1	69		88		122		101	2	80	1	86	
	U. 8:00	439		49		58	1	72	1	98	1	92	1	97	1	75	
	V. 9:00	419		46	1	43	1	55	2	73		71	3	70	1	81	1
	W. 10:00	370		51		32		59	2	83		85	1	72		37	2
	X. 11:00	376		42		32		43				74		76	1	34	
	Y. Not Stated			36	1	33		44	1	60		85		90	1	28	
TOTALS		10897	71	1432	9	1242	7	1558	12	2108	6	1708	15	1664	11	1185	11

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AGE OF CASUALTY	NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED									NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED								
	TOTAL KILLED			PEDESTRIANS			BICYCLISTS			TOTAL INJURED			PEDESTRIANS			BICYCLISTS		
	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
0 to 4	2			2	2		2			195	89	106	17	9	8	1		
5 to 9	2	2						2	2	231	122	109	40	27	13	23	17	6
10 to 14	2	1	1					2	1	249	134	115	17	11	6	42	35	7
15 to 19	17	13	4							974	573	401	19	14	5	23	15	8
20 to 24	12	12		1	1					1186	723	463	18	10	8	10	7	3
25 to 34	16	13	3	1	1					1429	837	592	29	23	6	7	6	1
35 to 44	7	7		2	2					644	335	309	9	5	4	9	2	2
45 to 54	7	5	2	1	1					441	215	226	9	9				
55 to 64	8	6	2	1	1					305	142	163	12	4	8	1	1	
65 to 74	4	3	1	2	1	1				187	97	90	2	1	1			
75 & Older	3	1	2	1		1				66	29	37	2	2				
Not Stated										23	17	6				1	1	
TOTALS	80	63	17	11	7	4	4	3	1	5930	3313	2617	174	115	59	112	84	28

AGE OF DRIVER	MALE	FEMALE	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
14 and Younger	22	10	32		16
15	146	112	258		73
16	311	161	472	1	169
17	445	205	650	4	205
18	570	225	795	9	271
19	569	256	825	7	285
20 to 24	2614	1131	3745	27	1431
25 to 34	3207	1650	4857	24	1890
35 to 44	1536	789	2325	10	863
45 to 54	1113	520	1633	11	620
55 to 64	774	408	1182	11	407
65 to 74	410	208	618	2	231
75 & Older	165	84	249	1	86
Not Stated	104	31	135		35
TOTALS	11986	5790	17776	107	6582

Licensed Drivers

TYPE OF VEHICLE	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Passenger Car	13859	58	4850
B. Passenger Car and Trailer	31		10
C. Truck or Truck Tractor	3918	33	1274
D. Truck Tractor, Semitrailer or Trailer	555	9	178
E. Other Truck Combination	106		24
F. Farm Tractor and/or Farm Equipment	10		2
G. Taxicab	65		37
H. Bus	55	1	16
I. School Bus	53		13
J. Motorcycle	319	12	265
K. Motor Scooter/Motor Bicycle	15		15
L. Bicycle	132	5	119
TOTALS	19118	118	6797
SPECIAL VEHICLES INCLUDED ABOVE			
M. Emergency (Including Privately Own)	116		54
N. Military Vehicles	5		4
O. Other Publicly Owned Vehicles	154		28
P. Others and Not Stated	1008		142

CONDITION OF DRIVER AND PEDESTRIANS	CONDITION OF PEDESTRIANS			CONDITION OF DRIVER		
	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
Apparently Asleep				114	1	63
Inattentive or Distracted	39	1	36	3949	20	1368
Illness				11		10
Eyesight Defect	1		1	16		6
Fainting, Blackout, Etc.				19		14
Hearing Defect				3		1
Fatigued				20		11
Other Body Defects	1		1	17		9
Had Been Drinking	25	3	22	1219	21	632
Condition Unknown	31	4	27	1027	33	348
Normal	92	5	85	11381	32	4120
TOTALS	189	14	172	17776	107	6582

CONDITION OF VEHICLE	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Defective Brakes	192		75
B. Defective Headlights	9	1	5
C. Defective Rear Lights	41		9
D. Defective Signal Lights	14		5
E. All Lights Out	9		5
F. Defective Steering	34		15
G. Tire Failure	58	2	17
H. Worn or Smooth Tires	81	3	38
I. Engine Failure	36	1	12
J. No Defects Observed	19499	108	6719
K. Other Defects	428	3	115
TOTALS	20401	118	7035

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ROAD SURFACE	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
Dry	9569	68	3338
Wet	1307	3	469
Muddy	3		2
Snow			
Other	18		5
TOTALS	10897	71	3813
Concrete	3623	18	1156
Blacktop	7024	52	2589
Brick	16		5
Gravel	129	1	46
Dirt	29		6
Other	76		16
TOTALS	10897	71	3813

ROADWAY CONDITIONS	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
Defective Shoulder	173		83
Holes	46		9
Deep Ruts	5		2
Bumps	77		34
Loose Surface Material	91	1	39
Construction, Repair	88	1	35
Overhead Clearance Limited	5		1
Construction - No Warning	5		3
Previous Accident	8		2
Flooding	4		2
Water on Roadway	279		106
Orthogonal Fault in Road Surface	12		3
Parallel Fault in Road Surface			
Other Defects	68	1	23
No Defects	10036	68	3471
TOTALS	10897	71	3813

LIGHT CONDITIONS	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
Daylight	7279	26	2363
Dark - No Street Lights	1022	26	490
Dusk or Dawn	360	4	143
Dark - Continuous Street Light	1763	9	658
Dark - Lights at Intersection Only	473	6	159
TOTALS	10897	71	3813

TYPE OF ROADWAY	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
One-Way Road or Street	791	2	279
Two-Way Undivided Road or Street	6510	51	2171
Expressway	496	6	205
Other Divided Road or Street	2401	11	974
Other	699	1	184
TOTALS	10897	71	3813

ALIGNMENT	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Straight-Level	9116	45	3083
B. Curve-Level	883	18	365
C. On-Grade-Straight	438	6	163
D. On-Grade-Curve	185	1	97
E. Hillcrest-Straight	106		42
F. Hillcrest-Curve	32		19
G. Dip, Hump-Straight	44		15
H. Dip, Hump-Curve	8		5
I. Other	85	1	24
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WEATHER CONDITIONS	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Clear	7420	49	2574
B. Cloudy	2433	19	855
C. Raining	961	1	339
D. Snow/Sleet	1		1
E. Fog	73	2	37
F. Smoke			
G. Dust	9		7
TOTALS	10897	71	3813

TRAFFIC CONTROL	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Stop Sign	1800	11	632
B. Yield Sign	312		83
C. Red Signal On	1238	1	506
D. Yellow Signal On	93	2	37
E. Green Signal On	1361	4	482
F. Green Turn Arrow On	45		11
G. Right Turn on Red	7		2
H. Light Phase Unknown	222		112
I. Flashing Yellow	160	1	80
J. Flashing Red	78		28
K. Officer-Watchman	26		7
L. R.R. Crossing Sign	41		18
M. R.R. Crossing Signal	29		12
N. R.R. Crossing No Control	10		6
O. Warning Sign (School, Etc.)	167	4	65
P. School Flashing Speed Sign	14		4
Q. Yellow No Passing Line	2302	26	984
R. White Dashed Line	5662	49	2141
S. No Control	6020	16	1973
T. Other	814	4	252
TOTALS	20401	118	7035

TRAFFIC CONTROL CONDITIONS	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Controls Functioning	20205	111	6952
B. Controls Not Functioning	50	1	24
C. Control Obscured	41		23
D. Lane Marking Unclear or Defective	105	6	38
TOTALS	20401	118	7035

KIND OF LOCATION	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Manufacturing or Industrial	256	1	100
B. Business Continuous	3124	7	933
C. Business, Mixed Residential	2804	12	992
D. Residential District	2300	6	723
E. Residential Scattered	834	16	367
F. School or Playground	153	1	48
G. Open Country	1167	26	547
H. Other	259	2	103
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XX.		ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. VIOLATIONS	A. Exceeding Stated Speed	181	12	106
	B. Exceeding Safe Speed	270	5	136
	C. Failure to Yield	2122	5	757
	D. Following Too Closely	945	1	370
	E. Driving Left of Center	200	7	73
	F. Cutting In, Improper Passing	238		64
	G. Failure to Signal	29	2	8
	H. Made Wide Right Turn	53		9
	I. Cut Corner on Left Turn	34		9
	J. Turned from Wrong Lane	155		26
	K. Other Improper Turning	195	1	54
	L. Disregarded Traffic Control	361	3	166
	M. Improper Starting	52		4
	N. Improper Parking	81	1	9
	O. Failure to Set Out Flags, Flares	7		3
	P. Failure to Dim Headlights	3		3
	Q. Vehicle Condition	215		76
	R. Driver Condition	545	14	276
	S. Other Violations (Hazardous)	5404	20	1707
	T. No Violation	9311	47	3184
TOTALS		20401	118	7035

B. CONTRIBUTING FACTOR	A. Violations	9461	48	3063
	B. Movement Prior to Accident	175		62
	C. Vision Obscurements			
	D. Conditions of Drivers/Pedestrians	1162	20	608
	E. Pedestrian Actions	75	3	70
	F. Vehicle Conditions	4		1
	G. Road Surface	6		2
	H. Roadway Condition	11		5
	I. Lighting			
	J. Weather	2		1
	K. Traffic Control	1		1
	L. Kind of Location			
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C. VISION OBSCUREMENTS	A. Rain, Snow, Etc. on Windshield	1129	1	436
	B. Windshield Otherwise Obscured	18		6
	C. Vision Obscured by Load	47		4
	D. Trees, Bushes, Etc.	116		55
	E. Building	16		3
	F. Embankment	8		4
	G. Sign Boards	17		7
	H. Hillcrest	50		17
	I. Parked Vehicles	266	2	90
	J. Moving Vehicles	364	1	151
	K. Blinded By Headlights	22	1	14
	L. Blinded By Sun Glare	43	1	20
	M. Distracted by Neon Lights in Field of View	3		1
	N. Other Obscurements	341		109
	O. No Obscurements	17961	112	6118
TOTALS		20401	118	7035

XXI. NUMBER OF VEHICLES INVOLVED	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. One Vehicle Collision	161	10	148
B. One Vehicle Collision (Excluding Pedestrians)	1966	21	862
C. Two Vehicle Collision	8132	36	2415
D. Three Vehicle Collision	553	2	310
E. Four or More Vehicle Collision	84	2	58
TOTALS	10896	71	3813

XXII. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Crossing, Entering, Roadway at Intersection	33	1	32
B. Crossing, Entering, Roadway not at Intersection	78	5	71
C. Walking in Roadway--with Traffic	11	2	9
D. Walking in Roadway--against Traffic	4		3
E. Sleeping in Roadway	1		1
F. Standing in Roadway	6	2	4
G. Getting On or Off Other Vehicle	4		4
H. Pushing, Working on Vehicle in Roadway	7	4	3
I. Other Working in Roadway	1		1
J. Playing in Roadway	9		9
K. Other in Roadway	18		18
L. Not in Roadway	17		17
TOTALS	189	14	172

XXIII. EJECTION	FATAL	A SEVERE INJURY	B NOTICEABLE INJURY	C COMPLAINT OF INJURY
A. Not Ejected	28	112	1018	2021
B. Partially Ejected	6	4	29	31
C. Totally Ejected	6	15	29	10
D. Unknown if Ejected			11	6
E. Wearing Helmet	4	12	49	29
F. Not Wearing Helmet	6	23	99	32

A. DRIVERS	A. Not Ejected	8	40	556	1361
	B. Partially Ejected	1		15	22
	C. Totally Ejected	4	3	26	14
	D. Unknown if Ejected	1		2	4
	E. Wearing Helmet		1	7	7
	F. Not Wearing Helmet	1	3	24	7

XXIV. SAFETY EQUIPMENT		FATAL	A SEVERE INJURY	B NOTICEABLE INJURY	C COMPLAINT OF INJURY
A. SEAT BELT	A. Not Installed	13	40	289	260
	B. Installed Not in Use	47	144	1401	2809
	C. In Use (Told)		5	57	188
	D. In Use (Observed)	2		2	6
	E. Use Unknown	3	24	156	283
	F. Equipment Failed				
B. SHOR. HAR.	A. Not Installed	15	48	396	495
	B. Installed Not in Use	45	138	1297	2621
	C. In Use (Told)		2	45	142
	D. In Use (Observed)	2		1	5
	E. Use Unknown	3	25	146	283
	F. Equipment Failed				